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## Teachers Meet At Milwaukee

Speech by William Hitler Was Outstanding Program Feature

Mr. William Patrick Hitler of New York, a nephew of Adolph Hitler gave one of the most interesting speeches at the Milwaukee Teachers' Convention, last Thursday and Friday, according to those teachers who attended. He spoke on the topic "What the German People Are Thinking." Mr. Hitler is now from New York, but has been in Germany during the past five or six years.

The opening speech of the convention was given by William R. Irwin, also of New York, whose topic was "The American Way." Originally from Scotland, he told of the comparative advantages we Americans have, living in a democracy. Presiding at the meeting was Edgar G. Doudna, president of the association during the past year.

Several other famous educators were present during the convention. Dr. Irma E. Voigt, Dean of Women, at the University of Ohio, attended the State Deans' meeting and spoke concerning "Guidance Problems of Today."

Miss Hathorn attended this deans' meeting which was held jointly with the guidance and character education groups.

Other teachers from River Falls who attended the Milwaukee Convention were President and Mrs. J. H. Ames, Dr. R. A. Karges, Miss Mabel Bridges, Mrs. Margaret Eide, Miss Helen Loeb, and Mr. E. A. Whitenack. Most of them also attended the River Falls dinner, given in the Milwaukee YMCA building, on November 2.

An important decision was made at the convention, to the effect that the NEA, the National Teachers' Association, will hold their annual meeting, next year, in Milwaukee.

## Film on Sulphur To Be Shown

Sulphur will be the title of a film to be presented by the Science Club on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock in the chemistry lecture room.

The first reel opens with a panorama of a large sulphur mining plant near the Gulf of Mexico and shows all the processes of mining and preparing it for shipment to places where it is used. The second reel has animated drawings depicting the many uses and the manufacture of products in which sulphur is used.

### IF

By Delores Kramschuster

If you can keep in school when all about you

Are losing out and blaming it on prof;

If you can prove yourself when all men doubt you

But not let the doubting slide right off;

If you can wait and not be tired by waiting

Then see the book you've waited for go by;

Or being baited don't give way to baiting

And never give the game up with a sigh;

If you can bear to hear the words you've spoken

Twisted by teachers to make a trap for you;

If you can watch the plans you've made be broken

By someone who wants his own way, too;

If you can fill the never changing minute

With sixty seconds' worth of study done,

Yours is this school and everything that's in it,

And—what is more—you'll be a man, my son.

## Classroom Discussion of War Problems Is Urged by N. E. A.

National Education Week Fosters Spirit of Tolerance and Understanding in Human Problems of Both Sides

"Confusion, ignorance, and indifference are not the same as impartiality," asserts the Educational Policies Commission of the National Education Association in a statement urging schools to discuss the European war in the classroom. Recommending a plan of free discussion and the cognizance of two sides to the question, the committee urged that teachers aid pupils in distinguishing propaganda and rumor from fact.

Stating their belief that "persecution of individuals because they deviate from the majority in their sympathies is entirely foreign to the spirit which American schools are obliged to foster," the committee urged fair treatment of minority groups within the schools.

"Sane and realistic use of present events as material for study, illustration, and analysis, rather than an overdose of horror stories, should be the aim of all classes studying contemporary affairs. Under present conditions the American people will make their greatest contribution to the protection and survival of democratic values by refraining from military participation in the European struggle."

In keeping with the recommendations of the commission was a recent message from Franklin Delano Roosevelt to American school people. Addressing students and teachers in commemoration of National Education Week, President Roosevelt asked for "education for tolerance through participation in full, free discussion in the classroom."

"Let us take note," says Mr. President, "that education in our democracy teaches the practice of reason in human affairs. From kindergarten through college our schools teach us to use the machinery of reason. This is education for the American way of life."

"To the resolution of conflicts and struggles of life, democracy supplies no easy answer. The easy answer, the quick but incomplete answer, is force—tanks and torpedoes, guns and bombs. Democracy calls instead for the application of the rule of reason to solve conflicts. These vital skills we Americans must acquire in our schools. In our schools our coming generation must learn the most difficult art in the world—the successful management of democracy."

## Orchestra Is Selected for Masquer Christmas Formal

Henry Burton's orchestra has been selected to play for the Masquer formal to be given Saturday, December 9. The selection was made by Lenore Anderson, Muriel Taylor, and John Lowe, in charge of music arrangements for the formal.

This formal will be of special interest to all students and faculty members as it will be the only one during the winter season. Plans are now in progress to make it one of the most outstanding formals.

Several committees have been appointed by Willard Lane, Masquer president, to carry out these plans.

Joyce Beardsley and Paul Henne-man have charge of the decorations.

Audrey Doolittle, James Grunke, Virginia Griffith and Mary O'Connell have charge of the tickets and invitations. There will be an advance sale of tickets.

## Miss Loeb To Address YWCA Monday Evening

Miss Helen Loeb of the speech department will advise the YWCA girls on "How to Lose Friends and Alienate People," at their meeting in the Social room at 7:15, Monday evening, November 13. Musical selections and a dramatic reading by Eileen McElmurry will also be featured on the program.

A visit to Neighborhood House, a settlement house in St. Paul, is being planned for Saturday, November 16. A program will be given by the children in the afternoon, and a Mexican dance will climax the evening's entertainment.

This is a Christmas project which will be followed up by making dolls and other articles for the children.

The entire YWCA membership is invited. The only cost will be bus fare. Watch the bulletin board for further announcements.

## Foxes Have Dainty Feminine Morsels for Dinner

Fred Brecklin speaking: "Broken shoe string! Dog gone, Amy'll be on her ear sure if I'm late. Maybe she'll fine me five cents."

While in a different room, Mr. Isaacson was groaning over the effort of buttoning a stiff white collar, blushing furiously all the while, for Mr. Isaacson knew that in a few minutes he would be punching a door bell and asking in a shy, demure tone if Miss Tracy were in.

The biggest surprise of all, however, was when big, blustering Bartender Born walked in with the college widow No. 1, Leona Rhodey.

Are you all ears, children? Would you like to know what this is all about? Well, it's a brand new idea, "The Fox Boarding Club Banquet," and let me tell you girls why so many invitations were slung around.

If a member of the club failed to show up with one of the female species he paid the penalty of peeling spuds for a week.

But then boys, the girls figured they were doing pretty well too. Cecil Ekenstedt tells me that by going two nights she saved seventy cents and had a show thrown in on top. Ah, me. That's the way of these women, one never knows what's behind their flashing smiles and twinkling eyes.

Harold Fjeseth, now reported to be a "three ladies man" appeared at the meal in festive mood with demure Audrey Doolittle of Ellsworth town.

Really, though, the girls learned a lot they never knew before! Several were quite taken back to learn that Wayne Swesey can play three pieces besides "Tiger Rag," that usually the

## Dance Planned for Friday

There will be an all-school dance in North hall gymnasium on Friday evening, November 10. All college students will be admitted free on presentation of their activity tickets.

## Editorials Should Have Large Scope

Polls Show Students Want Editors To Comment Diversely

Nearly two thirds of the vast army of students who read more than 850 college and university newspapers believe that their publications should not limit their editorial comment to campus problems, but should also take up matters of national and international importance.

This is the result of a national poll just taken by the Student Opinion Survey of America, the college newspaper's public opinion news service.

This sentiment, although well turned toward the positive side is not a dictate from the readers to the editors, however, for the survey shows that this is clearly a local problem. Readers of large university papers are almost unanimous in their belief that editorial stands should not be limited. But in smaller schools, where papers do not carry wire news of world happenings and campus problems are more intimately felt, student bodies in some instances voted to keep the editorial page strictly to their own affairs.

A good summary of opinion as found on many campuses was explained by one interviewer in these words: "A great many students, although wishing other than college problems discussed, felt that the editorial department of their papers should contain a greater amount of campus material. City newspapers, they say, is the place for other affairs."

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## Portrait of Former President Is Gift

Students and faculty members have viewed with interest the excellent painting of the former president of River Falls Teachers College, J. W. Crabtree. This oil painting was completed this year by his wife, Mrs. Donna Crabtree, and it was recently hung in the second-floor corridor of North hall. Last spring at the alumni banquet it was presented to the school by the members of the class of 1914.

Just two years ago this Homecoming, Mr. Crabtree was the guest of honor on our campus. Mr. Crabtree, who served as president of River Falls from 1911 to 1917, is now retired. Previous to his retirement he devoted his efforts to increasing the power and membership of the National Education Association.

## British Debate Well Attended

Audience Shows Keen Interest In American Foreign Policy

Resolved: "That American foreign policy should be one of complete isolation" was the question at the annual International Debate held in the college auditorium last Monday evening. The negative was upheld by two English debaters, George J. Bean and Victor Hugh Parkinson. The affirmative was argued by Senior, Jack Osborne, and Sophomore, Martin Lucente.

Herr Whitenack as chairman of the debate introduced the speakers to the large audience. Jack Osborne opened the affirmative by describing America's need for keeping herself from becoming involved in foreign affairs. He stated, "Out of wars come only strong powers." George Bean retaliated by listing very convincing reasons why America cannot completely isolate herself.

Martin Lucente pointed out to the negative side the reasons why America shouldn't take part in Europe's strife. He observed that no outside faction could possibly solve the problems of Europe as, "Europe's problems should be solved by Europe." The fact that America has many problems of her own must play a large part in America's isolation policy. "America must dispose of her own problems first," Mr. Lucente said.

Mr. Parkinson then took the platform and reminded the audience that the only way that Americans can be secure today is by cooperation. This cooperation may be carried on by negotiating with the allied powers of Europe.

The rebuttal, composed of two arguments, was begun by Mr. Bean who summed up the negative points. He emphasized the fact that England

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## Training School Teachers Attend Minnesota Convention

Eight of the training school teachers, Miss Fobes, Miss Armstrong, Mrs. Patton, Miss Hilder, Miss Thomas, Miss Moss, Miss Delander, and Mr. Johnston, attended this year's sectional meeting of the Minnesota Education Association at Minneapolis, Friday, November 3.

The speaker who, according to Miss Delander and Miss Moss, had the most to offer to the meeting was Harry Elmer Barnes—newspaper columnist, historian, sociologist, criminologist, and lecturer. He spoke on the subject "The Role of Education in Social Progress." The theme of Mr. Barnes' speech lay in "the need of the teaching of social science to help achieve 'catch up' with scientific achievement." He feels that in "trying to fight Naziism, you can only kill Germans; you can't kill an idea. You can only stir up hatred which cannot be quenched." Perhaps his most revolutionary idea was that "adult education is more important than child education since reform education must take place in the next years if the teaching profession is to be of aid in preserving democracy."

A feature of the afternoon meeting was a symposium on the question: Elements or factors of progressive education had so long been accepted as to be no longer controversial but to appear as part of the system." The three points they brought out were: freedom of students, provision of individual differences, and activities motivated by the students themselves.

### Notice

All students who have not had their physical examination will please call at the Health Cottage between 10:00 and 12:00 o'clock Thursday morning.



### Who Would Fight America's War?

To the young men of River Falls State Teachers college: What is the possibility of your being drafted for war service if we should be involved in war? It is highly probable that most of us would be in the first draft.

"Single men from 21 to 30 inclusive without dependents and not engaged in essential industry or necessary agriculture would be the first and probably the only ones unless the United States entered war on a greater scale than in 1917." Those are the sentiments of Lt. Col. O'Kelliher, recently interviewed on the subject.

There are about 13,000,000 men in this age group. Only 30 per cent were physically, morally, and economically fitted for service in 1917. Therefore, it is assumed that only 30 per cent of us are fitted for service now. About four million men would thus be capable of service in addition to the national guards, navy, regular army, and the marines. The remaining nine million men would be left to work in essential industry and agriculture. We have reason to believe that industry and agriculture will be conscripted. Since only single men would be called, perhaps we could escape the noble cause of dying for our beloved Democracy by saying our "I do's!"

According to the plans now laid out, every man between 21 and 30 inclusive would be directed to register at his regular voting place. Each registration card would be numbered and filed. Then over a national radio hook-up the draft drawing would be held. The holders of the numbers drawn would then be eligible for service in sequence of number providing they were not exempt for dependents, physical condition, or other causes. The entire machinery of this selective service is to be directed and operated by civilians. The national director would be appointed by the president.

### Education and Faith in Democracy

As the nation observes National Education week, attention becomes focused upon the emphasis that education for the purpose of democracy has received of late. As one looks abroad in the world, it becomes painfully evident that faith in democracy as a form of government has ebbed in the last twenty years. The adherents of totalitarianism point derisively to the "decadent" democracies. Hitler compares the subjects of democratic government to a "bunch of cackling hens." Communists say it still allows inequality of wealth and opportunity. Consequently, in considering education for the furtherance of democracy it becomes evident that attention must be focused on molding citizens capable of making democracy work rather than attempting to impress the subjects with the blessings to be derived from such a form of government. A democratic form of government is essentially a progressive organism. It necessarily must have elastic ideals which constantly keep ahead of actual practices. The attention must be focused on distant goals. If one attempts to defend democracy by turning introspectively inward, a static condition is reached, a condition disastrous for a democracy.

In considering the type of program compatible with education for democracy, the first essential must be emphasis on the development of perspective. Perspective, a quality unfortunately lacking in too many individuals, is attained by broadening and lengthening experience far beyond the horizon of an ordinary individual's life. Remoteness in time or space has no adverse effect upon the relevance of knowledge. Emphasis should be placed upon the development of the ability to use information of the past in order to promote a better understanding of the present and the future. Schools have stressed events in social and economic history of the present. But this material is out of focus. One cannot, with any degree of reliability, evaluate the effects of these events. On the contrary one can become familiar with the events of the past and, in addition, it is possible to determine what effect they have had on the present. Caesar is no more dead than Woodrow Wilson. But there is one vital difference. The teacher can evaluate the policies and their effects as regards Caesar. No one can yet fully assess the fruits of Wilson's activities. If education for democracy is to succeed it must attempt to instill in every adherent of this form of government a sense of perspective, a realization that the future is as important as the present, that small sacrifices may have to be made in the present in order that huge sacrifices may be avoided in the future.

Yes, democracy is the most difficult form of government. It considers, in contrast to totalitarianism, the means as important as the end to be achieved. It exists for the benefit of the individual, not for his exploitation.

If a program of education for democracy is to succeed it must emphasize the importance of perspective in its citizens in order that they may not be tempted to sell their heritage for a mess of pottage. It must focus attention on developing a mind capable of making a contribution toward successful, democratic government, not one capable of recounting the blessings of democracy. It must be based on progressive ideals, not on a static state.

### Chats on Recent Books

*With Malice Toward Some* is a delightfully humorous and spicy chronicle of Margaret Holsey's experiences while traveling in England, Norway, and Sweden. In writing this book, she has attempted to give an honest picture of the various peoples and the countries. She has spared the "national feelings" of no one; she has "malice toward some" and tells us about it!

Her picture of England is especially vivid. Unpalatable food, dowdily dressed women, stiffly formal parties at which everyone ignores everyone else, charming countrysides, beautiful gardens, London in a fog—these are some of the things which she, in her entertaining manner, relates about England. Americans in England are subject to a bit of good-natured railery at her hands. She pictures the "Yanks" going through a museum, mechanically expressing their delight over artistic masterpieces, relaxing their faces until they get to the next one, then adjusting them to utter again the platitudinous, "Oh, how wonderful."

Norway and Sweden are to her a welcome culinary relief from England. She is very favorably impressed by their modes of living. But here too she finds at least one object toward which to direct her malice—the guide. Mr. Pedersen, the guide for this particular company, literally becomes their master—quite the opposite of Mark Twain's French guide in *Innocents Abroad*. Mr. Pedersen led them over miles and miles of city streets until their limbs ached with fatigue. His face set, clipping at mechanical English in a voice that sounded like two bad pennies returning from a slot machine, he stalked ahead of them until he had pointed out and explained every object of conceivable interest.

Margaret Holsey has a remarkably fresh manner of expression, painting verbal pictures that are vivid, clear, and colorful. The sheer novelty of her expression and opinions alone made *With Malice Toward Some* well worth reading.

### Regional YM Secretary Talks On Religion at Monday Meeting

"We in America should experience a feeling of gratitude and satisfaction that we still have the privilege of discussing political and religious issues, and of expressing our personal opinions" stated Mr. Robert Johnson, regional secretary of the YMCA before the meeting of that organization on Monday evening.

"Young people in college face a dilemma as to what they shall do with the new concepts of religion which are opened to them," said the speaker. "They generally select one of two courses. They either discard all of their former ideas and accept atheism or broaden their previous concepts to include personal judgement and independent thinking."

In reply to the question "Why are people religious?" the author stated that no one motive but several motives are responsible. Some people are religious for social reasons, some because of the fear of consequences and others because of expediency or to keep on good terms with the church, but the really basic cause of religiousness is a desire to devote oneself to the truest and highest values in life, and to be concerned with a guest of those great values beyond man's reach.

In reference to the question of religion and social changes, Mr. Johnson quoted the author as listing two different points of view. *There is the idea of the fundamentalist who insists that the church has no business interfering with social changes. Then there is the aggressive policy which contends that it is the duty of the church to deal with anything affecting the welfare of humanity.*

Concerning the future of religion the author was quoted as saying that *the totalitarian movement is a distinct threat to the future of religion.* Also, that religion will become less dogmatic, that it will become more God centered, and that there will be more tolerance between religions. In the conclusion of his book the author says, "The golden age of religion lies ahead."

### College Journalism Has Fine Record

"College journalism is not a fad nor a product of adolescent frivolity, but an established institution with an enviable record of achievement." This statement from the Daily Northwestern of Northwestern University is subscribed to by all editorialists writing on the subject, although they state it in many and varied ways.

"As an institutional asset to its school, the college newspaper can and does do many things," says the Washington and Jefferson College Red and Black. "It cooperates with the policies of the administration. Intelligent editors confer with their college presidents and deans to learn the problems which the college is daily facing. In this way the editor can secure many sides to an important question and weigh them in his mind. Frequently student opinion is too careless or lackadaisical to be taken as final evidence. The college newspaper should pursue with all vigor the course of academic freedom, and its future in a democratic country. Editors should concentrate on increasing constantly the quality of the students admitted to the college, the quality of the courses offered, and finally the quality of the men who teach. These are the functions of a progressive paper."

"We who are not directly engaged in warfare against our fellows are favored by their opportunity to continue the fight against injustice, ignorance, disease and wretched poverty. We may hope that the progress we make in overcoming these ancient enemies we share in common will later be helpful to others less fortunate than ourselves." Harvard University's Dr. Walter B. Cannon aptly states the duty of all non-combatants in this war-torn world.—ACP.

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# Sports

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## Falcons Best Winona 9-7

### College Team Ends Season by Defeating Conference Leaders

River Falls ended their 1939 football schedule in an impressive manner last Saturday when they handed Winona Teachers a 9-7 defeat. Winona is leading in the Minnesota Teachers conference, and this was their first defeat of the season.

This game brought to close the football careers of five senior gridiron men who have been prominent on River Falls teams for the past four years. They are Glenn Gerhardt and Joe Lucente, guards, and Bill Bartz, Lloyd Frank, and Carl Nickerson in the backfield.

It was early in the second quarter when the Falcons opened up and scored the first touchdown of the game. Boettcher, Trecker, and Vandenberg advanced the ball to the Winona 45 yard line. Trecker then tossed a pass to Schmidt who was downed on the 25 yard line where he was knocked out of bounds. Trecker picked up a yard and then Boettcher crashed over his own right tackle for the touchdown. Dubbe's attempted kick was blocked.

Play was then even until two minutes before the end of the half. Trecker went back to punt on his own 20 yard line. The kick was blocked and recovered by Winard on the Falcon 23 yard line. A series of short, flat passes put the ball on the 3 yard line, first and goal to go for a touchdown. River Falls held for 3 downs, but on fourth down, Ralph Spencer plunged over for the score. Andrejeck kicked the extra point and Winona led 7-6 at half time.

River Falls came back strong after the intermission and took the lead. Using power plays exclusively, they penetrated to the Winona 10 yard line. The Winona defense stiffened and when three running plays were stopped, Fred Dubbe dropped back and kicked a perfect field goal to make the score 9-7. The rest of the game River Falls played brilliantly on defense to protect their slender lead.

The entire River Falls team played good football with Schulenberg and Lucente outstanding in the line and Trecker and Boettcher starring in the backfield. For Winona, the Spencer brothers played outstanding football.

#### River Falls Line-up

- LE—Schmidt
- LT—Dubbe
- LG—Gerhardt
- C—Diermeier
- RG—Lucente
- RT—Dobberstein
- RE—Kroeger
- Q—Nickerson
- LH—Bartz
- RH—Trecker
- F—Boettcher

Substitutions—LeDuc, Born, Schulenberg, Isaacson, Reynolds, Vandenberg, Frank.

### Pinball Tournament Is Organized by WAA Girls

After practicing for nearly two weeks, the WAA has organized its pinball tournament. Three teams captains were appointed and the teams chosen. The captains are: Audrey Rolston, Beth Feldman, and Betty Miles.

The first two games of the tournament were played Thursday. The first game ended 11-7; Feldman over Rolston. The second game, Feldman versus Miles, ended 14-6 in favor of the latter.

All the teams were handicapped by the absence of players. There were only twenty girls out. It isn't too late to sign up and you don't have to belong to the athletic organization; so all those interested see Miss Branstad or Virginia Griffith.

## Gophers Beat Wildcats for Championship of League

The Gophers of the Intramural Touchfootball League are champions. Monday night at 4:15 the Gophers captured the title by virtue of a forfeited victory over the Wildcats. The board of strategy, captained by Orville Grassl, is partly responsible for the team's good season. The Gophers can boast of five victories and two ties and have not forfeited a single contest. The Gophers started their hot pace at the beginning of the season and kept it up through out the entire seven games.

The play-offs for the championship game is scheduled to begin on November 8.

## Falls Frosh Battle Red Wing to Draw

A much improved Training School team held the River Falls freshman team to a 0 to 0 tie. River Falls kicked off to Red Wing who carried the ball to their own 43-yard line. Red Wing then carried the ball to River Falls' 18-yard line in three successive first downs. River Falls received the ball on downs and carried the ball near the midstripe where they lost possession of the ball. Red Wing was again forced to punt and River Falls carried the pigskin up to the Red Wing 20-yard line where they were again halted.

In the second quarter River Falls had two opportunities to score. After several exchanges of punts River Falls carried the ball to the Red Wing 30-yard line from which Ott threw a pass to Bodin in the end zone. However, Bodin was completely covered by two Wings and he was unable to hold the ball. The second opportunity came when McCollow carried the ball on a shuffle pass for 25-yards to the Red Wing 10-yard line. With three minutes to go River Falls was unable to make the distance to the goal and as the half ended they were still on the five yard line.

During the second half the teams battled in midfield. Red Wing completed several short passes for considerable gains and intercepted three River Falls passes. Just before the end of the game River Falls got possession of the ball in their own territory. Immediately they brook a desperate passing attack. Brookes, Falls quarter, received a short pass over the line and ran fifty yards to the Red Wing six where he was tackled. Here the referee called the play back because the center had moved the ball illegally. The timekeeper also called the game, but the play was called back and game ended with River Falls in possession of the ball on the Red Wing forty yard line.

Red Wing's passing was extremely efficient, but River Falls outgained them in first downs.

## Slinging Billy



William Bartz

William F. Bartz was born in the town of Mountain, Oconto county, Wisconsin on March 14, 1915, of German parentage. He attended grade and high school in that town, obtaining four letters in baseball and basketball. In his senior year he was captain of both teams. In a high school tournament Bill scored 28 of his team's 30 points. Bill boasts he never had a date in high school. He surely can't say that now!

Bill stayed out of school one year before entering college. During this year he went to Chicago where he obtained a job as delivery boy for one of the more elite delicatessen shops.

The first words uttered by little Willie were, "I want to be football hero." Not having football in high school he had to wait till he got in college to make this come true. His first year he earned his letter even if he hadn't played in high school. Bill deserves a lot of credit for this because few ever accomplish this. Bill now may be known as the hardest blocking back on the squad, and also as the Clark Gable of the campus. He plays a great game at center field on the baseball team. In his sophomore year he captained the championship intra-mural basketball team.

During the summer Bill works for the Mountain highway department. He thinks the freshman women of the college are lovely. If any student living in Bloomer wishes a weekend guest just notify Bill. It seems he has some interest there.

### Last Week's Scores

Eau Claire 18, Superior 13  
LaCrosse 32, Stout 7  
Red Wing 0, River Falls Frosh 0

### Final Conference Standing

	W	L	T	Ave.
LaCrosse	3	1	0	.750
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Stout	1	2	1	.333
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## SPORTSPEAKS

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With the football season already closed, basketball has begun to pick up for the coming conference race. For the past two weeks the Frosh have been working out in hopes of getting the jump on the varsity regulars who are returning. Some of the new material looks as though it had seen a basketball before, and then again, one sometimes wonders. Jack King, Don Schwartz, and Swede Nelson will form the nucleus around which Coach Lowery will build the '39-40 team. The men from the frosh team of last year will be called on to fill the vacancies left by Colonel Larson, Harold Blank and Ward Randles; although those vacancies will be a little large for inexperienced material, the Falcons have the reputation of turning up new scoring threats after seemingly losing most of the previous team.

The frosh football team took to the road Thursday to do battle with the Trainers of Red Wing. From reports of the contest, the frosh were the victims of several bad breaks - and fists. When the home team had the ball, official eyes were either closed or politely turned away from the scene of the battle, but were very scrutinous when our yearlings attempted to play football. And, to top matters off, there was a mystery concerning the disappearance of nine playing minutes from the official timekeeper's watch. The frosh had to be satisfied with a tie, although they really played great ball and were constantly in scoring territory.

River Falls has one gridiron championship to name after the outcome of Friday's high school classic. The conference race narrowed down to two undefeated teams, River Falls and Menomonie. Both teams boasted undefeated records, and the title was to go to the victor unattached. The first half remained one of very sound football tactics. Both teams showed conservative offensive play and emphasized a strong defense. Shortly after the opening kickoff of the second half, River Falls blocked a punt in Menomonie's territory and scored on three straight plays and a pass. Beautiful defensive work kept the invaders in their own territory, and once again the locals blocked a punt, and pounded across to score in five line smashes. The third touchdown came after straight power plays had driven the invaders back to their goal line. The River Falls line did a very commendable piece of work all during the game, never once letting up that relentless attack which gained them an unquestioned conference title.

## Local High Wins Crown

### Tops Middle Border Conference For Second Consecutive Year

River Falls High School won its second consecutive Middle Border Conference championship by whipping Menomonie High School 18-0 in a game played at Ramer field last Friday. The Orange and White finished their second season with no defeats in conference play and will keep a perfect record since October 1937 if they can get by St. Croix Falls next Friday.

The first half was uneventful, with neither team seriously threatening and fumbles cutting short any goalward marches. Three penalties for unnecessary roughness also slowed down the offensive.

The superiority of the River Falls line began to show its effect immediately at the start of the second half. In succession in the third quarter the Orange and White blocked two Menomonie punts and capitalized on both chances with Linehan plunging over for the touchdowns after passes and running plays had carried the ball close to the goal line. Both tries for point were missed.

River Falls scored again in the last quarter when they intercepted a desperate Menomonie pass on the Menomonie 29-yard line and Baird and Linehan carried the ball to the goal with Linehan plunging over for the final points. Try for point was again blocked.

A large crowd turned out for the game and Menomonie was well represented. The River Falls High band entertained the fans between halves.

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## Englishmen Divulge Impressions of Us

### American Dance, Skyscrapers, Milk, Short Skirts, Amaze Them

Coming from war torn Europe on their first trip to America the English debaters, George J. Bean of Liverpool and Victor Hugh Parkinson of Manchester, have witnessed many noticeable differences from their native land—England.

Mr. Bean has traveled in Continental Europe. Last year he was a member of a student delegation that went to Spain. Mr. Parkinson has made several trips between Australia and England. However, this is the first time that either of them have had the opportunity to come to America. As they approached New York they observed that New York's sky line is "stupendous," and very noteworthy was the fact that the Liberty's statue was illuminated. Both of the Englishmen were astounded at the height of New York's skyscrapers. They also were amazed at the terrific contrast between the detailed perfection of Fifth Avenue and the absolute disintegration of Sixth Avenue.

When they were asked what they thought of American college life and how it differed most noticeably from English college life, they answered that *working one's way through college was something new to them*; nevertheless they admire it.

An interesting disclosure was their statement that here girl students are allowed to stay out much later than they are in England.

Mr. Bean and Mr. Parkinson were very much amused at the name of the Duke's club of St. Thomas college which gave a luncheon in their honor. After the luncheon they were taken to a night club where Mr. Beau observed, "We saw American life in the raw, and rather crushed at that." Mr. Bean also stated that the most surprising thing he has seen yet in America is the way in which Americans dance, "How two people in such uncomfortable positions can enjoy themselves is beyond my comprehension." Even though they have seen no actual jitterbugging since they have been here, they have heard a great deal about it and are looking forward to seeing some.

The two debaters heartily agreed that American rooms are heated too much. Mr. Parkinson ventured to say American rooms were *like coming out of a Turkish bath*." They have found American food delicious; apple pie superb although a little tart, ice water, salads, and coffee wonderful; but they couldn't understand how Americans can finish a four or five course meal with a glass of milk.

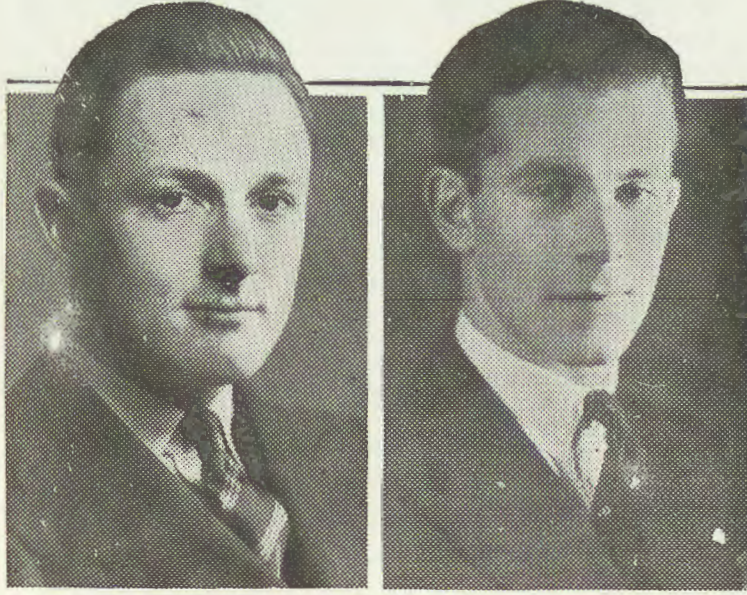
*Movies are, everything else, partly good and partly bad.* Although Mr. Parkinson believes that Noel Coward's *Cavalcade* was fairly well done historically, he went so far as to say "Hollywood just doesn't bother about history books." They made one exception, however, and that was the movies concerning the development of the United States.

The most trouble the debaters had in booking passage to the United States was expense. "And," they observed, "It will be far more expensive to get back again." While on the seas they felt no anxiety about military complications, only a bit of worry concerning their food—their breakfast in fact. They had already partaken of it when they ran into a little storm in the Bay of Biscay. Precautions are few. Large United States flags were painted on the sides of the ship, and a large flag was mounted on the mast which was illuminated by a spotlight. They said they felt safe "under the stars and stripes."

Trooper Bean stated that the intermingling of all classes of the country who have been sent to the children, "is the greatest social upheaval since the Industrial Revolution." He added that this was not intentional, but is just the outcome of a precaution that it was necessary to take.

When asked about American dress, both debaters simultaneously remarked that skirts are getting shorter and shorter. They said that English skirts were still below the knees but should

## They Defend English Views



V. H. PARKINSON

GEORGE J. BEAN

### Alumni News

Gertrude Peterson, '38, who has been teaching art in the high school at Washburn is now supervisor of art in all the grade schools of Washburn.

Frances Amundson, '33, of Elk Mound, who taught at Rice Lake last year, was married to Robert Schultz of Bruce, Wisconsin.

Iris Mills, '37, is doing private tutoring at White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

Ray B. Lightfoot, '16, formerly supervising principal at Waldo, Wisconsin was appointed by State Superintendent Callahan as county superintendent of Sheboygan County.

Anthony F. Runta, '33, librarian at Walker Junior High School, Milwaukee, received the Wilson award for his selection of the ten best reference works of the year.

Lawrence Selvig, '39, recently received a position at Ruthton, Minn.

Lloyd R. Wilson, '36, who is teaching vocational agriculture in New England, North Dakota, was married to Miss Avis Lovell of Mayville, N. Dak., in July.

Miss L. Mae Furber, '37, was married to Mr. Orville G. Hardin of Minneapolis, Minn.

Miss Dorothy E. Hall, '37, was married to Gilbert Larson of Maiden Rock, Wisconsin.

### British Debate Well Attended

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does not want American soldiers. All she wants is the opportunity to buy munitions from America. He said, "The theory of isolation as Americans understand it is not very well understood." He is firmly convinced that "America can carry on a policy of isolation, and still trade with the belligerents." He continued, "England is merely putting five million of your unemployed citizens to work. If America wanted to put one million of our unemployed to work we would not mind in the least."

Mr. Osborne closed the rebuttal with a summary of affirmative points saying, "America's home troubles must be solved first and that foreign commitments at this time would undoubtedly lead to America's entanglement in the war."

The debates which are held here each year with British teams are made possible by the National Student Federation of America located in Washington, D. C. It is the purpose of this organization to promote and encourage international friendship and understanding through personal contacts and debates between college students of various countries.

they go up, they had a good reason—England is conserving textiles now.

Mr. Bean who is a volunteer member of the army (he secured a two months leave for this American tour) is very much interested in social work. He enjoys helping in boys clubs, and is also fascinated by reading. Mr. Parkinson who has nearly completed Sinclair Lewis' list of novels, is an ardent tennis fan.

### U. of Minn. Botanist Presents Illustrated Assembly Lecture

"Forests and Glaciers in Southeastern Alaska" was the topic on which Dr. William S. Cooper, University of Minnesota botanist, spoke in assembly last Thursday. Illustrating his lecture with slides, he pointed out the rate at which glaciers are receding, which is very marked within even the span of a single life time.

Dr. Cooper's study in Alaska is chiefly that of the vegetation which follows the retreating ice masses. A mat of creeping vegetation first covers the creeps left bare by glaciers, providing for conservation of water and humus. Then hardy shrubs, herbs, alder, and willow grow up. It has been found that a fully developed forest may come up within 125 years after the glacier has retreated.

Glaciers do not always retreat; they sometimes advance. However Dr. Cooper stated that advances "are most spasmodic and short-lived." He told of watching one huge iceberg for an entire day, to no avail, waiting for a slice to break off and fall into the water. The next day when they came by they noticed that the slice had slid off into the sea during the night.

Dr. Coper said, "Alaska has a very great future for settlement. It is very much like Finland." He also revealed that there are low-lying clouds most of the time in Alaska, which one learns to love, but anyone would enjoy seeing the sun once in a while.

Transportation in this vast possession of the United States is chiefly by boat. Dr. Cooper commented, "I hope they will never put a road up there. I would like to see one place left where you can go by boat."

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### Various Aims of Education Voiced by College Officials

"In America we talk much about democracy, but I am convinced that unless we give our students practice in democratic self-government thru the management of their own affairs in college, they cannot be expected to practice democracy when they take their places in the community." Hamilton College's President Cowley urges U. S. higher education to promote the teaching of the nature of leadership.

"Upon us in America is laid the solemn duty of trusteeship for the old ideals of scholarship, freedom of teaching and of learning, freedom of thought and of speech, not that our institutions shall disintegrate before the sandblast of propaganda from the communist and the totalitarian, but that it shall stand strong and firm and shine out more brilliantly than before." Dr. Henry Noble MacCracken, president of Vassar College, urges the maintenance of the "pure wells of truth."

"The time has come when we must give thought to men's hearts and not confine our considerations so exclusively to men's minds. We have been altogether too little concerned with our knowledge of men, altogether too complacent with the development of things for men to use and altogether too complacent with the development of things for men to use and altogether spirit in which men use them." Brown University's Dr. James Pickwell Adams points to new fields for higher education.

### Women Athletes Have Day of Diversified Play Activities

The WAA achieved its first goal of the year on Monday, when over fifty girls took part in the various activities of play-day. Twenty girls played pinball in South hall gymnasium while thirty more played basketball in North hall. Four basketball teams played two very exciting games. One ended in a tie; the other ended with only a few points difference. After the scheduled games a few over-enthusiastic players engaged in another contest.

The majority of the players, however, preferred to cool off in the swimming pool.

At 6:15 Miss Rausch served dinner in the cafeteria.

Phyllis Case as toastmistress threw Mr. Lion at several of our outstanding members and guests: Leona Rhodde, Miss Branstad, Miss Fiedler, the Missess "Effie" and "Stub" Tobiasson and Bernice Deiss.

Following dinner a badminton demonstration was given by Eunice Manske, Delores Kramschuster, Irene Raawe, and Leona Rhodde.

From 7:30 until 8:00 the girls danced to the one-man-band of Miss Dorothy Baker.

Sidelights of play day were: the entertaining gymnastics of June Johnson on the dance floor; the sudden timidity of Helen Englebretson at dinner; the helpful suggestions of the gallery during basketball; and lastly, the great success of the entire day.

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